

**TOWN OF DAVIE
AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 9, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Parrish, Chair	P
Adrienne Kaltman, Vice Chair	P
Eric Swalley	P
Cynthia Schaefer	P
Stephanie Munson	P
Sam Scott	P
Scott Weinstein	P
Phil Busey	P

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT

Lise Bazinet, Planner II
Lisa Edmondson, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL AND ANY MOTION TO EXCUSE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Roll call was taken by Ms. Edmondson, and it was noted there were 8 members present, therefore comprising a quorum.

(2 seats have not yet been appointed.)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 October 3, 2013 Meeting

Motion made by Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. Swalley, to approve the October 3, 2013 meeting minutes with the following change: page 4, “agri-energy” should be “agri-tourism.” In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

4. SELECTION OF CHAIR (removed from Agenda)

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Recycling Containers at All Parks

An email was handed out to the Committee members from David Flaherty to David Quigley dated January 6, 2014 providing a current status of recycling efforts at the Town’s parks.

Item 5.5 was then moved up on the agenda.

5.5 Orange Blossom Festival

Ms. Sylvia Myint provided a flyer to the Committee “Introducing WWIND (Welcoming Wildlife into Natural Davie)” explaining the organization’s purpose and goals. Ms. Myint indicated that Davie has now been habitat certified having reached the required 500 points in 2013. A Power Point presentation was shown introducing members of WWIND, and showing gardens and wildlife areas planted in Davie. The organization has received the Emerald award for its efforts.

Currently, WWIND’s main focus is to gain additional members. It was suggested that WWIND and the AEAC share a booth at the upcoming Orange Blossom Festival.

Motion made by Mr. Swalley, seconded by Ms. Kaltman, to participate in attending the Orange Blossom Festival sharing the booth with WWIND.

Mr. Swalley then advised, with regard to the Orange Blossom Festival parade, that he would get the AEAC signed up, asking that any other Committee members wishing to participate show up at the staging area prior to commencement of the parade.

A suggestion was made, in lieu of providing all written materials at the display booth that links to websites be provided enabling guests to conduct further research on their own, thus saving paper resources.

5.2 Greywater Reclamation presentation by Don Bayler, Town’s Utilities Director

Mr. Don Bayler gave a Power Point presentation regarding the Town’s water reclamation efforts highlighting growth potential with limitations, community acceptance, program implementation, anticipated locations, estimates of use, and the Town’s future vision.

Explanations were given regarding well depth, testing quality, offset demands for potable water, potential users such as golf courses, parks, and schools for landscaping; reuse ordinances, and storage tank capacity.

Construction of the new water reclamation facility was financed through a mixture of bonds and grants.

It was suggested that a future use could be to provide access by area landscapers to hydrate newly planted gardens with the reclaimed water.

5.3 Water Barrel Program presentation by Diana Guidry, NatureScape Broward

5.4 Alternative Ground Cover to Turf Grass presentation by Diana Guidry NatureScape Broward

Ms. Diana Guidry gave a presentation regarding planting of naturescapes and their ecological advantages as well as providing habitat for local wildlife. The organization’s main goals at this time are to create educational outdoor events regarding sustainable habitats, as well as community outreach.

Hardware requirements, filtration systems, and availability of rains barrels were then discussed.

With regard to turf grass concerns such as excessive irrigation and fertilization, several options were discussed including the use of peanut grass, plantings under older oak trees to help maintain the root structure, mulch options, promotion of use of native plants, and the concept of "right plant right place."

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Approval of future meeting dates

The 2014 meeting schedule was amended. Meetings will be held on April 3, 2014; July 3, 2014; and October 2, 2014.

7. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Discussion then ensued regarding items of interest for the next meeting agenda to include:

- Manure solutions, biodigester, and mulch options
- Concerns regarding sea level rise
- Restoring the focus of the 4-H Club back to agriculture, or alternatively implementing a Davie-based agriculture club

8. COMMENTS AND /OR SUGGESTIONS

It was suggested that a link to the information on the County's website regarding rain barrels be put on the Town's website.

Mr. Busey suggested inviting the Director of the Broward County Extension to speak to the Committee regarding available programs.

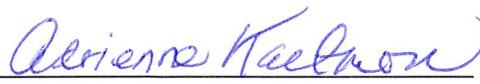
The potential for agri-tourism in Davie was brought up by Dr. Scott.

Mr. Swalley asked that "public comments" be added to the meeting agenda allowing for input from the general public.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Parrish adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Approved


Chair/Committee Member